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TO : Chief, Intelligence School

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FROM : Chief, Intelligence Production Faculty

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I. SIGNIFICANT ITEM

The first part of the Intelligence Production Course was completed at the close of business on 21 November 1960. This was the phase on Intelligence Interviewing Techniques. It was an unqualified success from the point of view of the staff and the students.

Personally, I have never seen greenhorns in any phase of professional activity catch on to techniques more quickly and acquire greater skills in a shorter period of time. Their first efforts at interviewing (practice sessions on the staff) were awkward and stumbling; their subsequent efforts (against a returning military attache and the professional interviewers in LCD and OO/C) were polished and professional.

The success of this phase of the Intelligence Production Course was due, in no small part, to the willingness of the appropriate offices in the DD/I to participate in the training program. This took the time of two division chiefs for the better part of two mornings, and required the participation of the staff members on three different occasions. This time was ours for the asking, and we were assured of our welcome in the future.

The permanent value of this type of training was obvious to both staff and students. The staff was refreshed by its contact with the operating officials in the interviewing business, and the students benefited by the opportunity to see, meet, and be judged by the professionals in the business.

The JOIs now know enough about interviewing to conduct themselves with confidence in this demanding field. This skill will stand them in good stead for the rest of their careers.

II. OTHER ACTIVITIES

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1. On 16 November Mr. [REDACTED] gave a lecture on Photographic Intelligence in the Intelligence Orientation Course #42.

2. On 18 November eleven students satisfactorily completed the Intelligence Research (Map and Photo Reading) Course No. 16. This was the first running of the course since it was extended from 27 to 45 hours. The extension proved to be a very satisfactory arrangement from both the instructor's and students' viewpoints.

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